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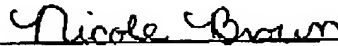
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**In re Patent Application of:  
Maria Ronay****Application No.: 10/645,493****Confirmation No.: 8744****Filed: August 22, 2003****Art Unit: 1755****For: LOW FRICTION PLANARIZING/POLISHING  
PADS AND USE THEREOF**

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**Examiner: Rachuba, Maurina T.****RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111****MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Dear Sir:****INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.